

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, and 12 stand rejected due to various formalities. Applicant has amended these claims to remove the issues raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asks the Examiner to withdraw the objection to these claims.

Claims 1, 11, and 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Rasanen et al. (US 2004/0028037 A1). Applicant has amended claim 1, and believes that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 now includes the steps of sending from the mobile unit to the iMSC a circuit-switched domain registration message. The iMSC sends to the IMS a registration identification on behalf of the mobile unit via SIP that identifies the iMSC as the current location at which the mobile unit can be reached. Neither the Rasanen reference, nor any other reference of which Applicant is aware, teaches or suggests such steps.

Claims 11 and 14-16 depend from amended claim 1, and are not anticipated for the reasons set forth with regard to claim 1.

Therefore, the Rasanen reference does not anticipate Applicant's invention as embodied in claims 1, 11, and 14-16.

Claims 2-10 and 12-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rasanen in view of Barany et al. (US 2001/0043577 A1).

Claims 2-10 and 12-13 all depend, either directly or indirectly, from amended claim 1, and are not anticipated for the reasons set forth with regard to claim 1.

Therefore, the Rasanen and Barany references do not anticipate Applicant's invention as embodied in claims 2-10 and 12-13.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, and 12, reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 11, and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 2-10 and 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), and allow claims 1-16. Applicants believe that the application is

in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the above is respectfully requested. If a telephone interview with Applicant's Attorney would further the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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